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CIA trains N.YC. police

A spokesman for the Central Intelligence Agency has confirmed that at least 14 New York City policemen were given CIA training. The spokesman, Angus Thuermer, also told the New York Times that "similar courtesies have been extended to police officers from various cities around the country."

All of the 14 were officers and detectives, including the commander of the police department's Intelligence Division which among other tasks, carries out surveillance and arrests against leftist groups. The men received from one to four days training in "the analysis and handling of large amounts of information" at CIA facilities in Arlington, Va. Thuermer refused to say how many officers from other departments had been trained there. He also reportedly "scoffed" at the question of whether such activity violated the Congressional prohibition against CIA involvement in domestic affairs.

The N.Y.C. Intelligence Division's security investigation section, usually known as the Red Squad, has been sued by a group of area activists who charge that its activities violate the constitutional rights to privacy, free speech and free association. That section is presently being reorganized under a \$166,000 grant from the federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

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